

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Asgeir Saebo *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/132,593

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Entitled:

CONJUGATED LINOLEIC ACID ALKYL
ESTERS IN FEED STUFFS AND FOOD

Group No.: 1615

Examiner: D. Faulkner



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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 18, 1999

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Madam:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 18, 1999. An extension of two months accompanies this response. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

(Amended) An animal feed [compounded from conventional ingredients in a ration typical for the species and age of an animal, together with] comprising conjugated linoleic acid alkyl esters in a biologically active concentration, said alkyl esters comprising less than about two percent 8,10 and 11,13 octadecadienoic acid isomers.

4. A conjugated linoleic acid alkyl ester for safe use as a feed, food ingredient, or food supplement obtained by direct isomerization of an unrefined linoleic acid comprising a conjugated linoleic acid alkyl ester composition of isomers in one part comprising at least 50 percent by weight of ester isomers selected from the group consisting of c9,t11-